

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Douglas McWilliams Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLP 4900 Key Tower 127 Public Square Cleveland, OH 44114

RE: Oversight at Chemical Recovery Superfund Site in Ohio

Dear Mr. McWilliams:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is writing you concerning oversight at Chemical Recovery Superfund Site in Ohio. We are offering to meet with you to discuss methods for improving oversight billing and the oversight process. If you would like to meet to discuss this oversight bill or these methods, please contact Gwendolyn Massenburg, Remedial Project Manager at (312) 886-0983 to set a date and time on which you would like to meet.

The offer to discuss oversight with you is part of the Agency's efforts to implement administrative changes to the Superfund Program to make clean-up actions faster and fairer. Under the Superfund Administrative Reform on improving the management of Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) oversight, EPA has reaffirmed its commitment to conduct appropriate oversight while ensuring protective clean-ups, and to send oversight bills to PRPs in a timely manner. Maintaining an open dialogue with PRPs about oversight expectations and PRP performance can improve the billing process for response actions.

The Agency oversight allows for the proper development and implementation of a protective clean-up, the careful consideration of associated costs to the performing party, and the maximum recovery of EPA oversight costs. EPA anticipates that an open dialogue at this Site will foster ongoing communication concerning the site with the PRPs and the interests of the community.

Sincerely,

Denise Ratliff

Superfund Oversight Billing Coordinator

cc: Gwendolyn Massenburg Remedial Project Manager